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ILHIE Advisory Committee Member Represents Illinois at the White House

Dr. Stasia Kahn, a practicing physician and member of the Illinois Health Information Exchange (ILHIE) Advisory Committee, was invited to the White House in June to participate in a White House and Department of Health and Human Services Town Hall meeting to discuss the nationwide advancement of health IT.

The day before the town hall meeting, Dr. Kahn was one of a small group of attendees selected to share her experience as a physician and prominent stakeholder in her state's HIE efforts. She participated in a spirited discussion about health IT with Dr. Farzad Mostashari, the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

The Illinois Health Information Exchange (ILHIE) is grateful to Dr. Kahn for her leadership in promoting the use of EHRs to benefit patient care and for communicating with leaders in Washington about the progress of health IT in Illinois.



Stasia Kahn, M.D. meeting with the National Coordinator, Farzad Mostashari, M.D.

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ILHIE Authority Board Member Elected to the American Medical Association's Board of Trustees



ILHIE Authority Board member William E. Kobler, M.D., a board-certified family physician in Rockford, Ill., was recently elected the American Medical Association's (AMA's) Board of Trustees.

"I'm honored to be given the opportunity to serve on the AMA's Board of Trustees," said Dr. Kobler. "As a family physician I have the opportunity to help a diverse group of patient's lead healthier lives, and I look forward to working with colleagues from around the nation to ensure we have the best possible health care system."

The Illinois Health Information Exchange (ILHIE) congratulates Dr. Kobler on this tremendous honor.

The Illinois Health Information Exchange Seeks Test Partners

As Illinois moves into the next implementation phase, the ILHIE is currently seeking health IT innovators to become Test Partners and Early Adopters of additional HIE services.

Alpha Test Partner organizations need executive sponsorship and the clinical and technical resources available to support the test engagement and will have an influential role in the development of the ILHIE. The technical requirements for **Alpha Test Partners** include Internet connectivity and current deployment of a certified electronic health records system.

Those organizations seeking to incorporate HIE services into their workflow late in 2012 or early in 2013 can register with ILHIE as **Early Adopters**. The technical requirements for **Early Adopters** are the same as for **Alpha Test Partners**. Please contact Ivan Handler, Chief Technology Officer at Ivan.Handler@illinois.gov to discuss further details.



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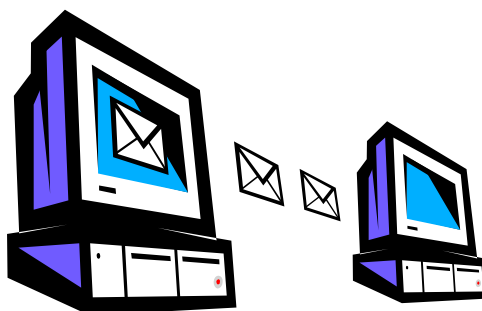
ILHIE Direct Secure Messaging: Providing Better Care in Real Time

Earlier this year, Margo Roethlisberger from Ada S. McKinley Community Services in Chicago, signed up for ILHIE Direct. Ada S. McKinley has an EHR system with electronic patient records, yet organizations it works with do not have EHRs and still send patient information via fax or US mail.

Margo explained, "We see over 300 clients a month and the paper discharge and transitions of care summaries coming in was overwhelming and of little value. By the time the paper is received, the patient had already been seen by clinical staff". It is simply not efficient."

With ILHIE Direct, Margo receives patient medical histories securely (in compliance with HIPAA and state law) and electronically in real time. Histories are immediately saved and attached to the patient's EHR "Now a psychiatrist can review the client's medication history at the time of service. It is an amazing benefit that adds to better coordination of care, safety and outcomes for clients" adds Roethlisberger.

Are you a licensed Illinois health care provider or staff member involved in patient care? [Click here to visit the ILHIE Direct homepage](#). Over 600 providers are currently registered at no cost through 2012!



The [Illinois Health Information Exchange \(ILHIE\)](#) is a statewide, secure electronic network for sharing clinical and administrative data among health care providers in Illinois. The ILHIE allows providers to exchange electronic health information in real time and in a secure environment to improve health care quality and patient care. The [Illinois Office of Health Information Technology](#) is working with the ILHIE Authority to support its development.

To learn more about health information exchange in Illinois visit www.hie.illinois.gov/

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